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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Irfan Amanat, et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 8199
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SERIAL NO.:	09/643,073	§	Group Art Unit: 3624
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FILED:	August 21, 2000	§	Examiner: Jagdish Patel
		§	
FOR:	Apparatus and Method for Load Balancing	§	Atty. Dkt. No.: 1991-01600
	Among Data Communications Ports in	§	
	Automated Securities Trading Systems	§	

AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

In response to the final office action of June 9, 2005, the appellant files this amendment to place "objected-to" claims in allowable form. An appeal brief is filed concurrently herewith.

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